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UP THE NATAL MAIN LINE

Beyond Maritzburg-Howick Falls

I have told about the spectacular railway journey from Durban to Maritzburg. The next day I decided to go up to Howick, seventeen miles beyond Maritzburg, to see the big falls and to catch dragon flies. Howick is reached by going up the Main Line to Merivale, and then taking a three-mile branch line.

It was another clear warm April day, when I got into the train at the station. We were hardly out of the yards when we began a steep climb. We pushed slowly up the long grade, past the other side of the interment camp that we had seen as we entered the town. The line, as it passes Maritzburg, cuts nearly two-thirds of a circle around the hill on which this camp, Fort Napier, is situated.

We tipped over a neck (what they call a "col") on the White Mountains and were looking southwards, down into a brown, rocky, grassy, treeless valley, dotted with native huts. Beyond the valley were many ranges of grass-covered kopps and kopjes. We slabbled up along the side of the ridge running west from Fort Napier making horse-shoe curves, unthinkably sharp, in and out of the gullies. As we went along, we saw more and higher hills in the southwest. Down in the valley we saw what appeared to be a small tree-covered village. A man who was riding on the same platform explained things. "This is the Edenburg valley. It's a location—reserved for natives only. That village is the Edenburg mission school. That highest hill on yonder's Blanda Kop, along the Cape-Natal railway."

Edenburg, I may add, is one of the oldest native normal schools in Natal. On a smaller scale and in a less modern way, they teach the same courses as we do at Amherst.

We swung back across the ridge through another neck, and had a view northwards, towards Maritzburg. It was splendid to look down on the red brick town, the green trees in the valley, the grassy hills beyond, and flat topped, long, gray Table Mountain (Tafelberg) behind it all. We were proceeding up into a valley; opposite us was a hill, partly red, partly planted to dark green wattle trees. Steadily we climbed, passing houses embowered in hibiscus, gum trees, purple bougainvillea, etc.

Suddenly we rounded a corner and stopped at a station on a shelf cut into a steep hillside. Ahead of us the valley ended in a steep "kloof" or gorge. This was Sweetwaters, a summer resort perched along the steep hillside. To go on up the hill the railway had to cut a little 8-first into the hill and out again, then around a spur of the hill. A mile further on, at Witteklouf, the same thing was done again. It was fascinating to watch the train snake in and out, along the winding hillside shelf. The kloofs, as we passed across them, were heavily spotted indeed: green foliage, palms, mossy waterfalls; flowers. Flat crown trees, spreading wide a canopy of dainty leaves, with queer spiked monkey vines rambling over them, framed the picture. In the foreground a banana plant with purple flowers and gray silks, predominated.

Now we were on top of Town Hill, three thousand feet high, a thousand feet above Maritzburg. We looked down on the town and the Union-fall valley, three miles away in a straight line, but eleven miles by rail. From we plunged into plantations of gum trees, and came to Helen Road, a town of private schools. Just onto the station we went, past the Agricultural College at Graham, onto Merivale. Here I took the Howick branch. At Graham and Merivale I could see the rugged peaks of the Mooi River Heights on the western horizon. It reminded me of the White Mountains as they appear from Passa Hill.

The branch line to Howick goes along the edge of a gorge four hundred feet deep; the upper gorge of the Umgeni. At Howick village it stops. I looked for the gorge, but it was gone; the river flowed up on the left. Following the advice of Maritzburg friends, I went up the main street of this sleepy dorp. I passed some stores, built of brick, with natives loitering in front under the tin canopy; some British style brick houses; a stone post office; a Hindu store, dirty and sloopy.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Easter services passed off beautifully. There was a good attendance both morning and evening. The music by the chorus choir was excellent and the solos by Dr. Wight and Miss Howard were much enjoyed. The evening concert did great credit to Miss Parington, Mrs. Ramsell and their helpers. Several of the little tots were very cunning and gave much pleasure to the audience.

It is expected that the Christian Endeavor service will be omitted in anticipation of a union patriotic service in the evening.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

First and second class accounts will meet at the parsonage, Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

The new cushions which were delayed by the storm arrived Monday.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Adelle Andrews.

At the Methodist church, Sunday evening, the Easter concert was well attended and the following program was carried out: Voluntary; singing by choir, "Alleluia;" responsive reading and prayer by the pastor; recitation, "The Easter Lesson," Hildred Kelly; singing by chorus, "Wonderful Morning;" recitation, "Give a Greeting to Easter," Fredda Wheeler; singing, "Joy Bells;" recitation with motions, "If I were an Easter Lily," Marian Bean; singing, "Crown Him King of Kings;" recitation, "The Easter Story," Forest Stowell; singing, "Glorious Tidings;" recitation, "The Lord is Risen," Ethel Stearns. At the close everybody sang America, while Forest Stowell held the Stars and Stripes on the platform.

The Methodist parsonage is to be repaired.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The Easter Sunrise meeting, by the Y. P. C. U., at 6:45 A. M., last Sunday, was led by Miss Ernestine Philbrook. All of the churches were represented by their Pastor and people and united in the service. A solo by Bernice Keniston added to the beautiful lesson of the day. It was a season of worship and devotion which lifted one up in thought to a mountain of beatitudes, where a vision of the beautiful lessons of Easter were revealed to the soul, and one could seem to hear an angel saying, "Ours is the glory from off thy feet, for the place wherein thou standest is holy ground."

At the regular morning service, there was an excellent anthem with halcyon choir, by the full choir. A beautiful solo was given by Mrs. Marshall Hastings, and a solo by Mr. Chapin, whose fine voice always holds the attention of an audience. The service was under the direction of Mrs. E. L. Edwards. Organist, Mrs. A. L. Willey. The sermon was from the text, "He is not here, he is risen."

Two leading lessons were dwelt upon. First, the Resurrection, the Revelation of Immortality. Second, the risen Christ came over and to the world to higher and better conditions of life. At the close of the service, eight were received into the church, then all were invited to participate in the communion.

The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, also large and small flags. Near the altar was placed a banner, Easter Day with flowers, the gift of friends in memory of Mrs. J. H. Little. Mrs. Anna D. Peck, Mrs. F. H. Little, Mrs. E. F. Park had charge of the decorations.

Next comes the subject of the morning sermon will be, "The Young People's Union, and Chastity."

The evening topic will be, "Little studies in Christian character. Job's spiritual."

The music of the church next Sunday morning will be as follows:

Autumn, "Thus With Him In Perfect Peace," John A. West.

Chorus Choir.

Duet, "Tarry With Me O My Saviour," Nival.

Mrs. Hastings, Mr. Chapin.

Solo, Selection.

Miss Martyn.

NOTICE.

Beginning Saturday, May 5, we will close our blacksmith shops Saturday at noon until November.

A. C. FROST.

P. C. HOYT.

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MISS SCHOENLE'S DRAMATIC EVENING

At The Music Room

Mr. William J. Upson always keeps his promises, and whatever he undertakes is finally carried through. The Community Drama plan, under Mr. Dempster's management, was obliged to be relinquished because of the illness of Mr. Dempster.

Did that daunt Mr. Upson? Cincinnati was immediately called upon to furnish dramatic talent, and Miss Schoenle's finished programme last Tuesday evening proved that the Music Room and its owner can meet any situation.

The beautiful room, itself, was a joy to the waiting audience, with its picture-hung walls, while the Welle-Padon rendered the masterpieces of Wagner, Hoffmann and Samson as few orchestras in musical effects could rival.

The stage represented the modern artistic world with its pale grey hangings and silver and black panelings, while the magnificent rose-velvet curtains hung in great folds, disclosing a room arranged for the first scene. The modern realism was given place by allowing the audience to become used to the setting—before the grey portiere at the rear was swept aside and a gay and graceful girl danced in, humming a refrain from memories of the party just enjoyed.

Miss Schoenle in "The Groove" as the younger and petted sister of a fine woman, represented the average girl with all the charm of youth—and all its unconscious selfishness, rising at last to a height of self renunciation which showed her kin to the nobler, more developed, richer-natured "older sister, who with all her willingness to sacrifice self could not assure the beloved little sister that there would never be any "grooves" in the longed-for "Brazil."

Miss Barnes as the Sister of Sacrifices was all such a woman should be. Her voice full of feeling, and her bearing, all womanliness. Miss Schoenle, "pretty as a picture" in her party gown, and bewitching in her girlishness, impersonated the part with perfect recognition of its dramatic meaning. The applause, for several reasons, was most hearty—a welcome to the gifted young stranger being one of them!

The second number was a French Dance by Misses Frost and Barker, and two more delightfully quaint little figures never requested through a dance!

The costumes, consisting of a red short-sleeved tunic, for one, and a blue one for the other, with black bodices lined over full white waists, with gay kerchiefs, stiff white hennet over broad plait of hair—were most becoming! All her perfect steps danced—this Hilda and Katrina, and danced and danced till they flew out through opposite wings—returning the present applause to repeat with even more bewitching abandon the merry present song and steps, to the rhythm of the music played by Miss Hilda Barker.

More masterpieces on the Webster and the curtain once more swung back to the representation of "The House of the Dead."

Mrs. Sanford, as Martha, was splendid in "The House of the Dead," a modern representation of a medieval drama, depicting the story of a woman who had been a prisoner in a prison for years, and who, after being released, found her way back to her home, only to find that her husband had been killed by a man who had been her lover.

The evening closed with a song by Mrs. Sanford, and a prayer by Mr. Upson.

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LEON H. GILLEY

After weeks of suffering, faced with a heroism akin to that which from trench and field shines through the world today, in the early morning of Good Friday he passed into "the peace which passeth understanding."

We in Bethel have known Mr. Gilley but a short time, but long enough to make us sincere sharers in the sorrow of his death. Thoughtful, unselfishly courteous, always quietly, unobtrusively, mindful of the comfort and happiness of those about him, uplifted in thought, generous in action, he was "One who bore without abuse."

The grand old name of gentleman.

Upon the death, six weeks ago, of Mrs. Gilley's mother, Mrs. Hubbard, his chivalrous devotion to whom furnished an index to his character and was most beautiful to see, a letter of appreciation came from a very close friend who for years has stood in intimate relation to Mr. and Mrs. Gilley. Some of us know what peculiar satisfaction it gave them both.

And it seems that better now than any words, however warm, of never-fading friends, is the tribute of this same valued friend, with whose interests he had for a long period of years loyally identified himself and whom he dearly loved.

We who have seen Mr. Gilley but for a little time in the relation of which it speaks, which had been his eminently successful life-work, can comprehend the spirit behind the glowing words. And can recognize the spiritual significance of a life which wins at its close such a brave "Well Done."

The letter reads:

"Mr. Gilley's death brought to a vast, extended circle of friends very deep and sincere sorrow. Of him it might truly be said 'none knew him but to love him nor named him but to praise.' An intimate acquaintance, in business and personal relation for thirty-six years may well enable one intelligently to know him and to testify to the sweetness and beauty of his life, his generous courtesy of manner and his fine elements of character. To so many in the thousands who have known and met him in his different hotel positions, guests and employees, to so many too in his business relations he has endeared himself by his acts of thoughtfulness and kindness. He justly bore the name of gentleman, a trait manifested in his treatment of the humblest employee. Intensely conscientious in his attention to the interests of his employers to which he attached himself with all the enthusiasm of his active temperament no one ever served with greater loyalty or more unflinching devotion their interests. No one ever lived, in regard to his friends, whose life was more unselfishly lived, never sparing himself in service of others, doing constantly for the humblest employee the little act of personal relief when the burden seemed to him unfairly heavy. Very strong became the attachment to hotel on the part of guests, so much returning year after year from the eastern and affection felt for Mr. Gilley. His solicitude for their comfort and happy stay was perpetual, and no effort to unselfish devotion toward them was spared by him. Deceased and respected by all who knew him he has left the record of a beautiful, well lived life and a blessed memory in the hearts of all who knew him."

PATRIOTIC MEETING.

There will be a union Patriotic Meeting at the Universalist church next Monday evening at 7:30 under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

The Bethel Corps have been invited to assist them and an effort will be made to start a Red Cross Society. A fine program is being prepared. An offering will be taken.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mr. Philip Smith is assisting in the care of L. W. Russell Co.

The Church Club met with Mrs. D. J. Conroy, Tuesday afternoon.

The Men's Club will hold a social meeting at Bethel Inn this Wednesday evening.

Mr. Weston White, who has been a guest at I. L. Carver's, returned to Bates College, Wednesday.

The Young Camp Fire Girls will give the play, "Any Girl," at Orange Hall on Tuesday evening, April 24.

There will be work at the meeting

GOULD'S ACADEMY

The Sophomore and Freshman examinations are due, Friday.

Ferally B. Norton and Winfield Howe visited school, Monday morning, which passed understanding.

Many of the dormitory students remained over the week and because of the unsettled condition of the roads.

Miss Marjorie Allen was absent from school a few days last week on account of illness.

A debate will be held Thursday, April 15, between the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. The subject is: "Resolved that women should not vote."

"Ma Sweet" and her seven talented daughters will present the play, entitled, "The Sweet Family," in the gymnasium, Thursday evening at eight o'clock. The cast of characters is as follows:

Ma Sweet, a lone relic, Hazel Keniston
Annie Ann Sweet, with many winning ways, Jennie Bean
Betty Bellinda Sweet, the delicate one, Edith Cummings
Caroline Cordelia Sweet, twin, Ruth Cole
Dorothy Delilah Sweet, twin, Ruth Brown
Elizabeth Eliza Sweet, by far the most attractive, Dora Farrar
Frances Feodory Sweet, partial to flowers, Olive Pingree
Glorianna Gadabart Sweet, who giggles, Naomi Smith

ECHOES FROM THE ACADEMY FAIR.

The net receipts of the Academy Fair and Entertainment were \$170.37. That the Fair was so successful financially was largely due to the interest and generosity of the friends of the school both at home and abroad. To all such the hearty thanks of the school are herewith extended.

The Seniors secured the largest amount ever raised by a single class at any Academy Fair.

At a meeting of the teachers, class presidents, and chairmen of the several fair committees, it was voted to expend the money as follows:

For interior repairs and improvements about the Academy, \$80. This includes payment for painting ceilings and tinting walls of Assembly room, which was done during the spring vacation. To the Senior Class to assist in defraying graduation expenses, \$30; to the Y. W. C. A. to help pay the expense of delegates to the summer conference at Camp Makonkey, \$14.25; to assist in the purchase of a new typewriter for the use of the school—the teachers to pay the balance—\$10. The remainder of the money raised will be used to help purchase suits for the base ball team.

The school fair has become an annual event in the school calendar second only in importance to the graduation. But for this the school would lack much valuable equipment and many improvements that add greatly to the convenience and attractiveness of school buildings.

Of the Old Fellows, Friday evening, April 13, Old Fellows are cordially invited.

Mr. Carroll E. Valentine returned to Bates College, Wednesday, after spending the Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Valentine.

The towns of Norway and South Paris are planning to hold a patriotic celebration on Patriot's Day, April 19, and have invited the other towns in the county to attend and participate. Orders will give full details.

Mrs. Edward Merrill of Mason and Viola (nee Merrill) of Bethel were united in marriage, April 10, by Rev. J. H. Little, using the single ring service. Both are well known in Bethel, and the best wishes of many friends will attend them.

There was a pretty wedding service at the home of Mr. Edgar Chase, Bethel, April 4th, when his daughter, Lucy Jane Chase, was united in marriage with Frank Willard Bennett, Rev. J. H. Little was the officiating clergyman. The double ring service was used.

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BRYANT'S POND.

Ray Jenkins arrived Saturday from Waterville, N. J., and will stay at the Hall cottage through the season. He will be joined this week by J. R. Smith of Texas.

A new house is to be built this season on the lot north of the hall's hard ware store. Work on the foundation will commence this week.

P. M. Morse and A. L. Hasey left Monday for Waterville, N. H., where they will engage in house painting.

Mrs. Elmo Forsythe left Monday for Waterville, Me., to visit her mother, Dr. J. A. Goffe, who is now very ill from the effects of a cancer.

A. Smith and Albert Hasey are to be employed in taking the valuation of the timber lands in town.

Elmer Farnham has just returned from a trip to North Haven, where he has been visiting his brother, Clifford Farnham, proprietor of a summer house on the island.

Interesting Easter services were held at the Baptist church, Sunday evening under the direction of the pastor, Rev. E. H. Steyer.

Ray Jenkins and wife are visiting friends at Skowhegan, N. H.

WEST GREENWOOD.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were recent callers on friends in Albany.

Thomas Kennagh, Jr., is visiting his parents for a few weeks.

Miss Ansel Cross is attending Bryant's Pond High School.

Harry Swift of Locke's Mills was in town one day last week, taking the valuation.

Abner Kimball of Albany was in this place, Saturday.

J. P. Harrington has several trees tapped - it has made a considerable amount of syrup, although the weather has not been the best for the season.

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Fred Wood and wife were week end guests of their son, Lester Wood and family at South Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bean and son, Warren, of Auburn came Saturday to visit Mrs. Bean's sister, Mrs. Clarence Bennett. Mr. Bean returned home, Monday.

A number of the young men have been going to Norway lately to take examinations for the National Guard. Mr. Winfield Howe and Mr. Art Rogers have already enlisted.

Clifford Merrill and family are to move on Clark street and A. Morgan and family will occupy the next vacant by the Merrill's, which has been purchased by Howard Thurston.

MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD.

Miss Mollie Stanley went to Locke's Mills last Sunday, where she is to teach the same school that she taught during the winter.

Ned Carter and crew with 22 horses came out of the woods last week. He has already sold one span to Will Farwell.

Most every family in this community has been sick with the prevailing cold.

Miss Maudie Capen was at Ned Carter's for a couple of days last week visiting her sister in the care of the children.

HANOVER.

Mildred and Marion Hisey are spending three weeks on their boat. Mrs. Hisey is calling for Mrs. Small at the home of A. T. Fowles, on the lake.

People are busy in their sugar orchards, but it has been rather a poor year so far.

Schools throughout the town began Monday with the same teachers as last term.

L. A. Roberts has a few letters of page Miss Helen Shapiro is slowly recovering from her fall but still has her trunk home.

The Grange Spring Circle will meet with Mrs. C. P. Saunders, April 15th. J. B. Roberts and granddaughter were at J. A. Roberts' house Sunday day in a singing off.

BETHEL and Vicinity

Mr. Percy L. Robertson has enlisted in the Navy.

Mrs. A. E. Herriek was in Portland last Thursday.

Mrs. G. L. Thurston went to Boston last Thursday.

Mr. E. H. Young was in Portland, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Margaret E. Herriek was in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Miss Marian Mansfield returned to Smith College, Wednesday.

Miss Mary D. Merrill came up from Portland one day last week.

Prof. F. E. Hanson was in Mechanic Falls on business, Saturday.

Miss Harriet Andrews of Kansas City is a guest of Miss Mary True.

Mrs. Ella Mansfield and daughter, Marian, were in Portland, Saturday.

Miss Blanche Richardson returned to her school at Livermore Falls, Saturday.

Mr. Gilbert Rich of Ithaca, N. Y., was calling on friends in town, Tuesday.

Mr. Ervin Smith was a business visitor in Portland and Lewiston last week.

Mrs. Marshall Hastings and daughter, Ruth, were in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Mrs. Lawrence Lavorgna and Miss Mona Martyn are spending a few days in Canton.

Mrs. F. E. Purinton went to Yarmouth and Portland, Wednesday, to visit relatives.

Messrs. Willie and Daniel Forbes were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Forbes last week.

Mrs. Sidney Chapman and two children were week end guests of relatives at Bryant's Pond.

Mrs. Roy Frost of Norway was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Durell a few days last week.

Mr. Francis Mills of Jefferson, N. H., was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Walter Bartlett, the first of the week.

Mr. Archie Buck of Portland was a week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Buck, on Swan's Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Chamberlain, who have been visiting their daughter in Portland, returned home, Saturday.

Mr. Sawyer and family of Boston are now occupying the Edw. King house which he recently purchased.

Miss Dorothy Swan of Roxbury, Mass., was a guest of Mr. H. M. Farwell and family a few days last week.

Miss Helen Frost was called home last Thursday afternoon by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Roswell Frost.

Mr. Clifton H. Foster of Somerville, Mass., was in Bethel, Monday, on his way to attend his mother's burial in Norway.

Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Chapman and Mrs. B. P. Fickett are attending the Annual Methodist Conference being held at Westbrook, Maine.

Miss Iona Tibbitts of Graham Normal School is spending the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tibbitts.

Mrs. Angella Clark and son, Irving, went to Lisbon, Me. last Thursday and will also visit relatives in Rockport, Me., before returning home.

Mrs. Jennie Kewitt and daughter, Mrs. D. T. Durell, went to Norway, Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kewitt's mother, Mrs. Roswell Frost.

Miss Kathryn Bryant and friend, Miss Kathleen Mallon, returned to their homes in Bangor, Saturday, after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gierling.

Mrs. Mary O. Wilcox of Orono, Me., died at the home of her son, Walter Foster in Greenville, April 3. Her remains were brought to Bethel, Monday, and services were held at F. J. Tibbitts'.

Monthly Chapter of Norway, Francis Chandler and Helen Henry of Maine, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peterson of Auburn and Harold Chandler of Westbrook were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Chandler, Koster.

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Ella Sanborn was home from Auburn to visit her sisters, Easter.

Mrs. Leallo Davis from Locke's Mills was in Bethel one day the last of the week.

Miss Cora Brown of Auburn spent Easter with her brother and family, Harry Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Robertson have returned to their home on Paradise road, after spending the winter at Maple Inn.

Mrs. Belle Brown, who has been staying with her son, Arrol and family, has gone to Watford to remain with her son, Wall Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wheeler of Orono were in town over Sunday.

The Weetall Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Harry Brown, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Howard Coburn and daughter, Florence, went to Rumford, Monday, to visit relatives.

Rev. J. H. Little was called to Canton last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hannah D. Adkins, who died in Portland, aged 85.

Mrs. John Philbrook, who has been spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Brown and family at Portland, returned home, Sunday.

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The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

HOME FURNISHING.

Francis M. Whitcomb, Assistant Professor of Home Economics in Farmers' Week Course.

We often confuse the terms house and home. The home means the family life. The house is the place where the home-maker surrounds herself and her family with artistic and harmonious furnishings, where she tries to create the real home atmosphere and help develop all the members of her family.

The home should stand for rest, comfort, peace, health, and inspiration. Based on these principles, it will be simple in its furnishings and in its style of living. By simplicity we mean nothing unnecessary—everything for a purpose.

Each room and each article of furnishing that goes into that room should serve a definite purpose. The hall is primarily a passageway. We should treat it accordingly with such furnishings as are suitable and necessary. The living room is for the family life. It is the most important room in the average American home. The atmosphere should be one of rest, cheer, companionship, comfort, and enjoyment.

The dining room exists to eat in, and to eat in peace. Anything not contributing to this idea is out of place and unnecessary. The table with its furnishings is the center of interest, other things to be subordinate to it. The kitchen is the work room. We want cleanliness and convenience emphasized here. The pantry with its shelves is a convenience for the kitchen. It requires the same treatment. The bedrooms stand for rest and quiet. All furnishings should strengthen that purpose. The bathroom speaks for itself. It is one of the most useful rooms in the house and can be made very attractive. The furnishings should be simple, convenient, clean, and not easily spotted by water.

What factors in rooms make for hominess? Light, ventilation, sanitation, convenience, lines, and colors. These are expressed by the walls and floors as backgrounds—the windows and doors for light and ventilation—the furniture and rugs for comfort—pictures and other decorative features to add to the attractiveness and liveliness of the rooms.

To produce livableness and rest we must give some thought to the lines and colors of the furnishings. A piece of furniture may be good in itself, but if placed in opposition to other lines of the room it will be out of harmony. A cushion may be a beautiful color but if placed with other colors not suited to it, the result will be inharmonious.

A room is made of straight lines—horizontal and vertical. In furnishing it, we should conform to these lines. Lines that oppose are not restful. We should never place rugs diagonally on the floor or pieces of furniture across the corners of a room. Pictures should hang flat on the wall. The screw eyes of the wire should be near the top of the frame. Two wires, one from each screw eye to the mounting should support the picture. Draperies for the window should follow the straight lines of the window and should hang from the inside of the casing. They are for the purpose of screening from the outside view, not for a decorative purpose.

In general, vertical lines give height and decrease width, horizontal lines

decrease height and increase width. In the selection of wall paper these are important considerations. A low room needs vertical lines to increase the apparent height. A very high room does not need the long lines but should have horizontal lines introduced by a border or moulding 10 inches to 12 inches below the angle of the wall and ceiling.

Colors produce different effects. Certain ones, red, yellow, orange, and brown are the warm colors. They produce cheery, homely feelings. For this reason they are well suited for rooms with a northern exposure. Green, blue, violet and gray are the cool colors. They give a cool, restful feeling to a room with a southern exposure.

Light colors create a feeling of size, therefore are good for small rooms. Red produces an irritating, unrestful feeling. It makes a room appear smaller. We should use it only in small amounts. If rightly used, it adds warmth and cheer.

Large designs of colors that are contrasts to the background appear to stand away from the wall and are disquieting. Small designs and plain paper give size to a room. The plain paper is the best background for pictures.

We should select colors in rugs carefully. The floor is a background—the rugs should carry out this idea. The design should be inconspicuous, preferably small—the colors dark and subdued.

A good rule to follow is the "gradation of color" in a room, the floor the darkest tone, the walls next, and the ceiling the lightest. We should furnish each room not as a unit, complete in itself, but in its relation to the other rooms of the house.

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS.

After many years of earnest trials and vexatious failures, the Dahlia holds first place in many gardens, and is one of our best summer and autumn flowering plants. Improved methods of culture has given this attractive flower its prominent place in the garden, and made it a world wide plant. Years ago it was popular and yet disappointing. It was started in boxes in the house and kept there until the arrival of warm weather, when it was transplanted in the garden. The plants were usually weak when put out, and they grew up as weaklings, and were tipped by the first frost before they bloomed. Successful growers of the Dahlia today do not start the tubers in the house, but as soon as the warm weather comes they are planted in the open ground in a rich mellow soil, and kept moist at the roots. The plant gets a good start and it grows rapidly and blooms much earlier than it did under the old methods. The successful method is very simple. First, prepare a very rich soil, plant tubers in the open ground as soon as warm weather is assured, and keep moistened at the roots. They should be furnished with stakes and the main branches should be securely tied to them to prevent the plants being broken by the wind. The tubers of tubers should be broken apart, one good tuber with a good eye will produce a better plant than a half a dozen planted together. A number of years ago the "show" Dahlia was considered the only one worth growing, and is still so considered by many. It is a large, globular, very double flower, and in colors ranges from pure white to richest scarlet, crimson, maroon, rose, purple, yellow and lavender, with many combinations in the same flower.

The exact variety has only twisted petals, and comes in all colors and variations. The single has but one row of petals surrounding a prominent yellow disk. The pompoms are of dwarf habit and adapted to bedding. The decorative class is semi double with flat petals. They are excellent for cutting because of their informal flowers which are long lasting stems. The pompoms and the chrysanthemum are the decorative plants if given a place where they can be made a more prominent feature. They do not do well if planted among other flowers in plants. The exact of a new type, is a handsome plant of dwarf habit, with single and double flowers. The pompoms are of dwarf habit and adapted to bedding. The decorative class is semi double with flat petals. They are excellent for cutting because of their informal flowers which are long lasting stems. The pompoms and the chrysanthemum are the decorative plants if given a place where they can be made a more prominent feature. They do not do well if planted among other flowers in plants.

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LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown and children were guests of relatives in Bethel, Sunday.

Mrs. Leslie Davis and Hille son are visiting relatives in Portland and Woodford.

Winifred Maxim was in Norway shopping, Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Crockett attended the grange at Bryant's Pond, Saturday.

Sidney Howe, of Hanover, visited with relatives the week-end.

Ralph King is home from his work on the G. T. for a while.

C. B. Tebbets and Fred Morton attended the funeral of Charles Morton, at Malden, Mass., Wednesday.

Rev. T. C. Chapman, of Bethel, preached an interesting Easter sermon at the Union church, Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Crockett and Mrs. Mary Bartlett attended Pomona grange at Oxford, Tuesday.

Bert Goodwin was in Berlin, N. H., Sunday.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Pearl Flint was in this place looking after the drive.

Dave Long has gone to Rhode Island.

Fred Bell of Berlin was in this place one day recently, buying horses.

Homer Smith is working for J. P. Skillings at Bethel.

Mrs. Homer Smith is teaching school on Bear River.

Joe Jolbert of Rumford and Luke Dunais of Lewiston were in this place the latter part of the week.

C. D. Bean and Elmer Ingalls have gone to Ketchum to work on the drive.

J. A. Spincy has returned home from Portland.

Howard Bailey has been hauling supplies for the Berlin Mills.

Herbert Long is out of the woods and is spending a few days at H. M. Kendall's.

W. W. Hastings was in this place, Saturday.

Ruth and Charlotte Kendall called at J. J. Spincy's, Sunday.



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Miss L. B. Treadwell has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry G. Clark, of Portland.

Miss Annie Whittier of Gorham has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. G. Davis.

Leo W. Blaisdell has been a guest of Geo. L. Wadlin and wife.

Aaron W. Jackson was called to Auburn last week by the death of his brother, Freeman G. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Bicknell are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter last Wednesday, who has been named Fern.

Mrs. Josie L. Childs has sold her lively stable in Lewiston and has moved to Farmington Falls, where she has purchased a general merchandise store. Mrs. Childs was a former Canton resident.

Mother's day will be observed May 13 at the Universalist church and the Post and Relief Corps are invited to attend in a body.

Miss Gladys Morrill of Sumner has been a guest of Miss Eva Briggs.

Mrs. Hannah Bailey Adkins passed away April 3, the home of her daughter, Horatio H. Gannon of Portland, after some months of poor health. Mrs. Adkins was nearly 80 years of age. She was born in Canton, the daughter of Nezer Bailey and Sarah Pratt Bailey, to whom were born five children. Mr. Bailey was the father of fourteen children, having nine by his second marriage to Rebecca Turner. Mrs. Adkins is the last of the family to pass away, a brother, Andrew J. Bailey passing away about two weeks ago. Mrs. Adkins married Benjamin Adkins, a young farmer, and they had four sons and one daughter, namely, Ellen Adkins of Canton, George D. Adkins of Livermore Falls, Percy Adkins of South Paris, Frank Adkins and Mrs. Sarah A. Gannon of Portland, all of whom survive. Mrs. Adkins was an honored member of Canton Grange, No. 110, P. of H. The funeral was held at the Universalist church, Canton, Friday at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel, officiating. Music was furnished by Mrs. Edith S. Ellis, Mrs. E. B. Woodward, J. K. Forhan and Theon Woodward. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful and included a lovely piece from Canton Grange. The remains were placed in the receiving tomb at Pine Woods Cemetery, Canton.

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GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

A summary of the April crop report for the state of Maine, and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

MAINE.

Hogs—Losses from disease past year, 2.0 per cent; 10 year average, 4.2 per cent.

Cattle—Losses from disease past year, 1.1 per cent; 10 year average, 1.6 per cent. Losses from exposure past year, 0.4 per cent; 10 year average, 0.2 per cent.

Sheep—Losses from disease past year, 1.9 per cent; 10 year average, 2.1 per cent. Losses from exposure past year, 0.4 per cent; 10 year average, 0.7 per cent.

Horses and Mules—Losses from disease past year, 1.5 per cent; 10 year average, 1.8 per cent.

Prices—The first price given below is the average on April 1 this year, and the second the average on April 1 last year. Corn 101 and 90 cents per bushel. Oats, 80 and 61. Potatoes, 235 and 194. Hay, \$13.90 and \$12.50 per ton. Eggs, 51 and 43 cents per dozen.

UNITED STATES.

Rye—Condition April 1 this year, 4.0 per cent; 10 year average April 1 condition, 8.0 per cent.

Hogs—Losses from disease past year, 4.7 per cent; 10 year average, 6.75 per cent.

Cattle—Losses from disease past year, 1.94 per cent; 10 year average, 2.09 per cent. Losses from exposure past year, 1.45 per cent; 10 year average, 0.95 per cent.

Sheep—Losses from disease past year, 0.17 per cent; 10 year average, 0.45 per cent. Losses from exposure past year, 0.29 per cent; 10 year average, 0.06 per cent.

Horses and Mules—Losses from disease past year, 1.06 per cent; 10 year average, 1.81 per cent.

Prices—The first price given below is the average on April 1 this year, and the second the average on April 1 last year. Wheat 100.0 and 88.0 cents per bushel. Corn, 113 and 76.5 cents. Oats, 68.0 and 42.0 cents. Potatoes, 235.0 and 97.0 cents. Hay, \$12.00 and \$11.75 per ton. Cattle, 15.0 and 11.5 cents per pound. Eggs, 50.0 and 47.0 cents per dozen.

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RUMFORD

Frank J. Bigby, for several years director of the Rumford Band, but who of late has been located in Portland, has been elected director of the Coast Artillery Band and expects to go to Fort Williams in a short time.

Albert Russell of this town has enlisted in the eighth company of Lewis.

A two story porch is being constructed on the front of the residence of Fred E. Randall on Rumford avenue. Angus Wilson, a paper maker in the Oxford Mill, has purchased the Binford house on Granite street, Mexico.

The meeting of the Searchlight Club this week will be held on Friday afternoon with Mrs. Robert J. Harris of Penobscot street, when the subject will be "Science."

Harry Day, who was recently injured in one of the paper mills, is recovering at his home in New Sharon.

E. F. Day of Turner has accepted a position in the machine shop of one of the mills.

Congress street presents a very patriotic appearance, as flags have been placed in front of most of the places of business.

Mrs. Daniel U. Paine of Standish is the guest of her son, Principal Leon G. Paine of the Stephens High school.

The Rumford Falls Light and Water Company has leased the store at 42 Congress street formerly occupied by Aschoff and Pursey, for an electric shop.

The opening of the new store will take place on Saturday, April 14. Beginning on April 6th a series of three matches is being shot between the Rumford Rifle Club and the Livermore Falls Rifle Club as follows: April 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 1917.

The annual meeting of the Rumford District Nursing Association will be held at the municipal court room on Wednesday evening of this week, for the purpose of electing officers and directors for the ensuing year.

The Congress and Bridge street bridges are guarded by special police. On Monday evening at eight o'clock with the sound of the fire whistle the Rumford firemen inaugurated their

ninth annual concert and ball in the municipal hall. For the past nine years this has been an annual event. Talent was had from Portland, consisting of Master Lyons and his partner in his juvenile act, and the Rambler Quartette. Webster's nine piece orchestra of Rumford furnished the music of the evening.

Charles Roy McLeod, eldest son of Matthew McLeod, left last week for Lewiston where he enlisted in the navy. The young man is in his twentieth year, and is the first youth in Mexico to respond to the call of the Navy Department. He was born in Mexico and attended the high school there.

A special convocation of Strathglass Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar, was held at the Aythya on Easter Sunday at 1:30 P. M. to attend Easter service at the First Baptist church at the invitation of the pastor and people of the First Baptist parish. The sermon was by Rev. Frederic F. Poshay, pastor. The Sir Knights paraded from the Aythya to the church, and music for the occasion was furnished by the Rumford Falls Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Plumstead of Franklin street, who have resided in Rumford since their marriage some three years ago, will leave in about two weeks for New Jersey to make their future home. Mr. Plumstead having secured a more lucrative position. Since their residence in town Mr. Plumstead has been employed under Mr. Martin L. Griffin the chemist in the Oxford mill.

The derick has been set up on the grounds of the Stephens High school, preparatory to beginning the excavations for the foundations of the new \$30,000 wing to the school building, and work will be rushed on the wing that it may be ready if possible for the fall term of school. The contract supervision of the building operations has been given to Frank Howard, and Miss Metcalf has the contract for the excavations. This addition will extend the schoolhouse into a zone symmetrical and well balanced building in its outward appearance, and will

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give very necessary interior facilities for accommodating the pupils during the coming year.

Rev. John M. Arters of the Rumford Methodist church is programmed to deliver the conference sermon, Wednesday, April 11, at Westbrook at 2:30 in the afternoon at the Maine Methodist Conference.

Mrs. John Caldwell of North Rumford is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Virgin of Dixfield.

Isaac Easter is working for his cousin, Mr. George Grover, at North Rumford.

James Young, R. H. S. 1916, who has been employed in the office of the Continental Paper Bag Mill for a time, has now accepted a position in the chemical department of the Oxford Mill under Mr. Martin L. Griffin, head chemist.

By the removing of the banking on Main avenue, where the new sidewalk is to be laid by the town, the roots of several large poplar trees were so badly cut and mutilated, that it has been necessary to cut the trees down.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow of the Harlow Hill road are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

Don Cram of Mexico is at the McCarly Hospital where he has undergone a surgical operation for appendicitis. He is getting along very nicely.

Master Henry Salmonson of Lisbon Falls is a guest of Dr. Noyes and daughters at the Emergency Hospital.

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Rumford is to hold an entertainment and social at the Stephens High school on Thursday evening of this week, when refreshments will be obtainable, the proceeds to be used in sending a delegate to the National convention this spring at Washington, D. C.

Miss Susie Brown, who has been employed in the telephone office, is enjoying an extended vacation from her duties. Miss Debra McPherson, who has been for several years in this office, has resigned, her wedding to occur soon to Mr. William Poole of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Miss Florence Hinds of Livermore Falls, a former Rumford teacher, is visiting the family of her brother, Lieut. Arthur Hinds of Lockwood road.

Earl E. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Richardson of the Swale road, is at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., recovering from a serious operation for appendicitis. He is a student at the Wesleyan College at Middletown, Conn.

ALBANY.

On account of the stormy weather the church was postponed until April 13. Irving Fletcher, H. E. Hens, Mainland and Abel Andrews are to enter this.

The children of our Sunday school made the Easter service very interesting with their songs and recitations. Chas. G. Scribner is speaking a few days with his brother, Woodman Scribner.

Maidland Bird has been getting up. A. G. Bank's wood. Roy Wardwell and Cecil Dean are mowing it. They Johnson bought a house of Harry McNally and has gone to Oxford to visit relatives.

The Ladies' Missionary Society met with Mrs. Angie Ross, Tuesday evening.

One Kimball of North Bridgton was through here, buying coal calves. Thursday.

Sometimes it takes a pretty strong man to carry out his own plans.

ANDOVER

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Field have gone to the Upper Dam for the summer. Archer Peck has moved his family into Fred Thomas' house.

Mrs. George Thomas, who has been very ill, is slowly gaining. Her daughter, Mrs. Bert Dunn, has been with her the past week.

The Juvenile Whist Club was entertained by L. R. Hall at his son's Louis Hall, Saturday evening. Eighteen members were present. Mrs. Oscar Damon and Homer Cutting won the first prizes, and Mrs. Neal Bodwell and Albert Crossman the consolation prizes. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Susie Hutchins was the guest of Mrs. Alice Thurston, Thursday last. Wm. Cushman has returned to his home after spending the winter with his son, Somers Cushman, in Detroit, Michigan.

Owen Lovejoy has spent a few days the past week at Bethel, sealing lumber.

Edward Abbott has a crew of men cutting wood for next season.

Dr. Davis, the veterinary surgeon, from Rumford was in town, Saturday to see James Littlehale's horse.

The King's Daughters will be entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Gertrude Nawnhall.

B. L. Akers, who is visiting friends in Pittsburg, Pa., is expected home soon.

Fred Thomas and wife have gone to the Upper Dam for the season. Dr. and Mrs. Cole, who have been spending the winter in Florida, have returned to their summer home at Andover.

Miss Mina Stevens has returned from a visit with friends in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Edward Akers was the guest of Mrs. Willard Nowhall, Friday of last week.

Chandler York will have charge of the town hall this year.

At the annual parish meeting held Monday P. M., April 2, thirteen new members were added. M. A. Howard, C. A. Andrews and Frank Keith were chosen parish committee.

Mrs. Fannie Hutchins, who has been visiting Mrs. Llewellyn Damon, returned home, Sunday.

The Camp Fire Girls held their ceremonial meeting last Friday evening at the home of their guardian, Effie Akers.

Walter Bailey has moved his family to his home at South Andover.

A. R. Rand has electric lights installed in his home.

Easter services were held at the Congregational church, Sunday morning. The church was prettily decorated with plants, ferns and Easter lilies. Special music was given by the choir including a flute solo by Mr. French. Rev. George Graham presided from the text, "The Risen Christ." The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, and many young people united with the church. In the evening a Cantata was given.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hanson are home from New Hampshire, where Mr. Hanson has been sealing lumber.

Cyrus McCain is working for Y. A. Thurston.

John P. Hewey passed away late Thursday night, April 5, at McCarly Hospital after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Hewey was about 75 years of age, and was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a native of Andover and owned a farm here. He spent the past few winters in Mexico with his daughter, Mrs. Mabel Cummings. His wife died several years ago. He is survived by his daughter and four grandchildren.

Otis M. Richardson of Canton has purchased Hotel Twitchell. It will be known as "The Blackmont Inn," and will be open to the public June 1st.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club met Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rand at their new home on Main street.

WEST BETHEL.

The ferry boat was put into the river, Monday.

Mrs. Horace Walker has returned home after an extended visit in Boston.

Mrs. McLeod has returned from Boston's Point.

Mrs. Verna Vanham went to the M. to Hospital in Lewiston, where she has a throat trouble.

Mr. E. E. Allen is expected home from Boston, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hellebaker were in Bethel, N. H., Monday.

NORTHWEST ALBANY.

Mrs. Elsie Rolfe, who has been quite ill for the past few weeks, is better at this writing.

Leland Mills and Mr. Whitman are working in the mill for G. R. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rolfe and son, Robert, visited Mr. Rolfe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rolfe, Tuesday.

Mrs. Amy Hunt is sleeping with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zenna Mills.

Marion Ross visited Mrs. Leland Mills, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pingree called on Mrs. C. W. Rolfe, Tuesday.

WEST PARIS

Easter was observed at all the churches. At the Universalist the pastor's theme was, "The Perfect Life." Music by choir and children. Holy communion. Four united with the church. An excellent Easter concert was given by the children in the evening to a crowded house.

At the Methodist church the sermon and music were appropriate to the day. There was a baptism of candidates and several members joined the church. A very good Easter concert was given in the evening.

At the Baptist church there was an Easter sermon by the pastor with music by choir. Several members joined the church, some who had letters from other churches. An evening service was also held.

Rupert T. Berry has enlisted in the navy. The sincere good wishes of everybody will follow this young man who is one of our very best.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Mann are announcing the birth of a daughter, born on Easter morning, weighing 9 1/2 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waterhouse also have a little daughter, born April 7, weighing 11 1/2 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Bowker of Portland spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tuell.

Mrs. F. S. Farnum held an Easter display of fashionable millinery on Friday and Saturday.

At the business meeting of the Free Baptist church held Wednesday evening, Secretary G. H. Hamlin, D. D. of Lewiston, was present and was chosen moderator. The following officers were chosen:

Clerk—Mrs. S. T. White. Treasurer—Mrs. A. D. Coburn. Deacons—E. L. Porter, S. T. White. Pulpit Com.—Mrs. Q. A. Day, Miss E. Berry, E. L. Potter.

Membership Com.—Pastor, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Coburn. Finance Com.—Mrs. Coburn, E. R. Berry, R. T. Flavin.

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NORTH HARTFORD.

Fred Gurney went to Hebron, Tuesday, on business.

Wilma Davenport is visiting friends in Canton.

School began at Tyler Corner, Monday, the ninth, with Nellie Tripp of Turner as teacher.

Charles DeCoster of Benson Hill is going to Berlin, N. H., to work for the Berlin Mills Co.

Harold Newton has gone to Buckfield to work for Shirley Banney.

Arthur Goding went to Livermore, Wednesday.

Walter Henry returned home, Saturday, after working in Berlin, N. H., for a few weeks.

William Russell of Turner has been out to F. R. Sargent for the summer.

Carroll Cole is cutting cord wood for Frank Bragg and boards with Harry Bragg and wife.

The Henry boys are cutting cord wood for J. F. Davenport.

Mrs. Frank Bragg carried her little daughter down to her mother's in Buckfield, Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Varney seems to be a little more comfortable at this writing, being able to be bolstered up in bed for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clark of Hebron were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Davenport, Monday, and Tuesday night they stayed with Mrs. Clark's cousin, Mrs. Edna Fuller.

Charles West went to East Sumner on business, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Marion Stetson visited Ethel West, Tuesday.

Isaac Farnum is working for Fred Stetson through syrup making time.

Arthur Jordan recently sold a yoke of cattle to Nathan Morrell of Buckfield.

Mrs. J. F. Henry and daughter, Phila, have returned from Berlin, N. H., where they were called a few weeks ago by the serious illness of her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clinch.

The Gammon and Irish mill has shut down for a few days, while there is some new machinery being added.

J. F. Davenport is somewhat improved in health after his recent illness with the grip.

Alonzo Gilham went to Hartford, Center after Lizzie Henry and daughter, Phila, Saturday.

We hear the teacher at Tyler Corner boards with Mrs. Jennie Brown.

Marion Stetson went back to her school, Monday, in the Line district.

Mrs. Julia Thorne has recovered from her recent illness so as to be able to return to her home. She has been staying with her daughter and being cared for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bragg are moving into their new home they recently bought of Sumner DeCosta.

Garlic Flavor in Milk.

Method suggested for Prevention of Loss from Tainted Dairy Products—Eradication of Wild Onion.

During the spring of the year there is usually much trouble, especially in the Middle Atlantic States, with garlic flavor in milk. Milk dealers refuse to accept such milk, and if the product is marketed direct to the consumer there is usually a considerable loss of trade, owing to the flavor which is found not only in the milk and cream but also in the butter. Dairywomen may well to study this condition, which may result in serious financial loss.

Many pastures are so badly infested with wild onion or garlic that the milk is tainted if the cows are allowed to remain in the pastures until milking time. The dairyman should endeavor to eradicate the pest, if possible, but in the meantime some measures should be adopted to prevent losses from tainted milk.

The Dairy Division of the United States Department of Agriculture has conducted some experiments at the Beltsville (Md.) farm in order to determine the length of time that must elapse between the feeding of wild onion and milking time. In some of the feeding trials one half pound, in others one pound, of wild onion tops were fed at different lengths of time before milking. It was found that increasing the length of time between feeding and milking decreased the unpleasant odor and flavor. There was only a faint onion flavor in the milk drawn from cows four hours after feeding, and even this almost disappeared when the milk had stood for four hours. In all cases the cream was more noticeably affected than the skim milk; in some cases there was no taint whatever in the latter.

The results of these feeding trials show that the dairyman should keep his cows from pastures badly infested with wild onion for at least four hours before milking in order to avoid onion flavored milk. This may not be a safe rule, however, if any of the cows should eat more than a pound of the onion tops. The department suggests that every farmer with onion-infested pastures should test the question for himself and determine how long it is safe to allow the cows in the pastures before milking.

The wild onion, which when taken

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by cows gives an unpleasant odor and flavor to milk, matures in midsummer. Each plant at that time has at its base a large, soft-shelled bulb and several, smaller, hard-shelled bulbs. The soft-shelled bulb germinates in the fall and by the following spring the new plant has begun to form new bulbs. Most of the hard-shelled bulbs, however, remain dormant until the following spring. There is, therefore, an overlapping of generations, which accounts for the remarkable persistence of the wild onion. To eradicate this weed from a piece of land it is necessary to take this fact into consideration. The land should be plowed late in the fall as deeply as may be necessary to bury the plants that have come up from the soft-shelled bulbs before they start to produce young bulbs. The next spring, in order to bury plants from the hard-shelled bulbs, the land should be prepared as early as possible for a cultivated crop by harrowing, preferably with a disk, the land being gone over frequently enough to prevent any top growth of wild onion. After planting the crop, corn or cotton being the best for this purpose, the cultivations should be made with the purpose of keeping down top growth of the onion at all times. An implement of the sweep type, or an ordinary cultivator to which sweeps or weed knives are attached, is the best for this purpose, since it cuts the onion stems off below the surface. These sweeps vary in length from 6 to 18 inches, and may be fitted to any of the modern cultivators in place of the shovels. They should be wide enough to overlap, so that none of the weed stems can slip through. If the work is well done the weed will be entirely killed by "laying by time." If it shows up again in the fall, however, the process of late fall plowing, followed by a cultivated crop the next spring, should be repeated.

Wild Onions in Pastures.

This weed occurs commonly in pastures, and if a pasture is badly infested all that can be done to eradicate the pest is to plow up and follow the cultivation method as outlined above. If a pasture is not so full of it as to warrant such a radical course, each clump of the onion may be attacked. This may be done by going over the pasture several times during the fall, winter, and spring with a mattock or similar tool. Unless the entire root system is dug out, however, the plant will return. In place of this method it is sometimes practicable to use a chemical plant poison, such as crude carbolic acid.

Wild Onion in Wheat.

The bulbs produced on the top of the onion stems are about the same size and weight as the wheat grains, so that they are very difficult to separate from the latter. This fact results in serious loss to wheat growers, since the bulbs contaminate the flour and gum the mill rollers. Farmers suffer a loss of from 20 to 50 per cent when such wheat is offered for sale. Fields should be cleaned of the onion by the cultivation method before they are seeded to wheat. In the South Atlantic States, however, the seedling may be deferred until so late in the fall that the soft-shelled bulbs will have time to germinate and may then be destroyed before the grain is put in. The hard-shelled bulbs will not germinate early enough in the spring to mature seeds before the wheat is harvested.

It is also necessary to use wheat for seed that is free of the wild onion bulbs. Many millmen will be interested in knowing that this department has worked out a method of separating the onion bulbs from wheat on a commercial scale.

Farmers wishing to eradicate the wild onion, or garlic, from their fields, will find additional information in Farmers' Bulletin 608 and 810, which can be obtained free by writing to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$355,000.00
Mortgage Loans	159,183.00
Stocks and Bonds	3,770,258.54
Cash in Office and Bank	116,236.91
Agents' Balances	378,234.51
Receivables	57,151.08
Interest and Rents	47,770.82
All other Assets	2,370.82
Total Assets	\$4,853,933.66
Deduct items not admitted	20,558.19
Admitted Assets	\$4,833,375.47
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Unpaid Losses	\$211,030.10
Unearned Premiums	2,201,524.49
All other Liabilities	40,404.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$2,852,958.59

OLNEY FALLS INSURANCE CO., OLNEY FALLS, N. Y.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$1,475,467.50
Mortgage Loans	1,230,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	3,000,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank	1,100,000.00
Agents' Balances	570,000.00
Receivables	100,000.00
Interest and Rents	100,000.00
All other Assets	100,000.00
Total Assets	\$7,575,467.50
Deduct items not admitted	100,000.00
Admitted Assets	\$7,475,467.50
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POEMS WORTH READING

LITTLE RAINDROPS.

Little Raindrops splashing down
On my window pane,
Tell me where you came from and
Where you'll go again.

Did you fall from out a cloud
Sailing overhead?
Was a silver lining there
As I've heard it said?

Fatter, fatter, oh, so fast!
Play awhile with me!
Is it fun to sail the skies?
Tell me what you see.

Why is it you cannot stay?
Please don't hurry so!
What is it you have to do
That so soon you go?

Fall the thirsty little plants;
Wash the dusty trees;
Make the lovely flowers blow
For the busy bees;

Help the corn and wheat to grow
Ready for the mill;
Turn the wheel that grinds them that
May have his fill;

Float the ships that sail the sea;
Kiss the salt the dust—
My, you have so much to do
Go you really must.

Shy little raindrops, we
Will not keep you here,
We've detained you over long
As it is, I fear.

Little Raindrops splashing down
On my window pane,
Though you leave us now we know
You'll come back again.

—T. W. H.

THE SINGING OF THE RAIN.

To the singing of the rain in the log
That glows tonight
All the snowy hill-sides vanish 'neath
The feet of warm delight.

To the singing of the rain
Within the fairy lights of home,
And the feet of fairy April
Trip beside the silver foam.

Oh, the rain within the log, as it sizzles
Heard it and I know
That the daisy dreams of dewdrops in
her sleep beneath the snow!

To the singing of the rain in the log
My heart replies,
And the violet drinks the valleys
through the dreams that drink
my eyes.

To the singing of the rain
Round my heart the memories creep,
And upon the twilight shadows
All my eyes are laid to sleep.

Oh, the rain within the log, as it sizzles
and it sings,
Through the white on April days
and sprays her fairy wings!

COME OUT LITTLE RUDS.

Come out little Ruds, it don't be slow,
You've waited and waited, but winter
won't go.

In case you can't be hiding around,
Shaking the Ruds not freezing the
ground.

The Ruds has come for cotton wool
and
the Ruds has come for winter
clothing.

And come when prompted to sing for
the Ruds,
and the Ruds will make the snow on the
grass.

The Ruds, so early to get from the
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Has come to discover the little Ruds
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WILLIAM TELL FLOUR

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Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Stocks and Bonds	\$182,561.85
Cash in Office and Bank	17,000.81
Interest and Rents	8,482.79
Gross Assets	\$208,045.45
Deduct items not admitted	39,282.76
Admitted Assets	\$168,762.69
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$72,406.48
Unearned Premiums	45,410.67
All other Liabilities	12,934.85
Cash Capital	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	287,542.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$407,542.73

BOSTON INSURANCE COMPANY, 87 KILBY ST., BOSTON, MASS.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$513,675.92
Mortgage Loans	539,900.00
Stocks and Bonds	6,336,755.55
Cash in Office and Bank	574,770.58
Agents' Balances	970,537.97
Receivables	48,792.97
Interest and Rents	37,934.42
All other Assets	71,178.27
Gross Assets	\$8,951,625.28
Deduct items not admitted	470,140.79
Admitted Assets	\$8,481,484.49
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,351,432.63
Unearned Premiums	2,916,241.63
All other Liabilities	231,515.42
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	2,983,295.81
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$8,161,475.20

THE RIDGLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, WORCESTER, MASS.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Stocks and Bonds	\$182,561.85
Cash in Office and Bank	17,000.81
Interest and Rents	8,482.79
Gross Assets	\$208,045.45
Deduct items not admitted	39,282.76
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Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$513,675.92
Mortgage Loans	539,900.00
Stocks and Bonds	6,336,755.55
Cash in Office and Bank	574,770.58
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DIXFIELD.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at Masonic Hall, Tuesday, Apr. 3. The occasion was the 17th anniversary of the Monitor Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The degrees of the order were conferred upon one candidate.

An interesting program had been arranged in observance of the event. "The Roll Call" was responded to by the members giving selections and quotations; letters and quotations were read from several members who were unable to be present. It is pleasant to relate that all Past Worthy Matrons and Patrons are living and ten of the number were present, three of the Past Matrons were unable to be present, also three of the Past Patrons. Greetings from Mrs. Sarah E. Putnam, of Lewiston, the first Worthy Matron and originator of the Chapter, were read, and also from George L. Merrill, now of Searsport, Maine, the first Worthy Patron, who was also instrumental in its organization, were alike appreciated and enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill were residents of Dixfield for twenty-five years, and very helpful in all that pertained to the welfare of the community. They are now members of the Searsport Chapter. Mrs. Putnam was deeply interested in the social circles while a resident of Dixfield. She was also instrumental in the organization of Purity Chapter, O. E. S., at Bethel, and still retains her membership there.

Historical sketches of the order at large and also of Monitor Chapter were among the features of interest. At

WOMAN SICK TWO YEARS

Could Do No Work
Now Strong as a
Man.

Chicago, Ill.—"For about two years I suffered from a female trouble so I was unable to walk or do any of my own work. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the newspapers and determined to try it. It brought almost immediate relief. My weakness has entirely disappeared and I never had better health. I weigh 165 pounds and am as strong as a man. I think money is well spent which purchases Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. J. O. BRYAN, 1755 Newport Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, is unparalleled. It may be used with perfect confidence by women who suffer from displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, and nervous prostration. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the standard remedy for female ills.

RAISING GEESSE.

A Profitable Venture For Most Any Farm.

By G. E. Conkey.

Geese could be profitably kept on most every farm, for they are easily raised and there is little expense connected with their feeding.

Geese culture requires less capital than any other branch of the poultry business, as very little housing is necessary and they are turned out to the land very much like cattle. There are many places on the average farm not suitable for cultivation or for the raising of chickens. These places could be profitably utilized for a goose pasture. Low swampy places can be used provided there is also some high ground. The quarters should be kept reasonably clean for while they will stand considerably more filth and neglect than will chickens, it is not the proper way to care for them and good results cannot be obtained without considering the health of the flock.

MATING.

Mating usually takes place some time in February and after the fowls have been penned together for a week or ten days, it is not necessary to keep the various pens separated. Once the family ties are established, they should be lived up to during the entire season. Two or three females are all that should be mated to a male.

Geese are long lived and ten year old birds are quite common. Females of three years and over are the best for breeding purposes and their usefulness continues throughout their entire life. Young geese are more desirable for breeders because of their activity. Old geese also get quarrelsome with age.

VARIETIES.

Breeding stock should not be overfat. Like in poultry there is a wide difference of opinion as to which is the best breed of geese, but the Toulouse, Embden and African are the heavy weights of the goose family and have proven the most popular for general purposes. Other varieties are the Chinese, Wild or Canadian and Egyptian. In the heavier varieties the weight runs up to twenty and twenty-five pounds in the males. Females will weigh a few pounds less.

A goose will lay from twelve to twenty eggs before becoming broody. About twelve, however, is the right number for a setting to secure the best results. Thirty days are necessary for incubation. A season's laying will run from twenty to fifty eggs.

FEEDING AND RANGE.

If geese are well hatched, little difficulty will be experienced in raising them. They should be given about the same mash feed as little chicks or ducks with the exception that green food, such as cut grass or vegetable matter should be given liberally several times a day after the first day.

The old geese should be kept in a coop and the geese allowed to run about. Observe particularly the sex rules as are used with ducks. Avoid chilling and wetting. After a month they can be let out to range and if the pasture is good, only a little extra feed will be required. They are very light eaters and but very little attention is required. A good mash can be made by mixing two parts bran with one of meal. A variety of vegetables, such as beets, turnips, cabbage, etc., can be added in very good advantage in their feeding.

PATTERNING FOR MARKET.

The best time for fattening your young stock or green geese, as they are sometimes called, is just when the

ROAD HINTS.

"This is the season of road failures," said S. S. von Loesecke, Engineer of the Department of Highways of the Automobile Legal Association. "The wise road superintendent, however, will profit by these failures, and make the road strong enough to stand while the frost is coming out of the ground next Spring."

"At this time of the year, a great many springs under the road bed that are dry during the Summer and Fall months are running freely and thus destroy the road bed. These springs should be led away through drains, and if necessary the spongy sub-soil should be replaced with a suitable material which will give a firm foundation for the road surface."

"In the spring of the year, the proper use of the road machine and drag will save the town and its inhabitants a goodly proportion of its annual appropriation, and also a great deal of annoyance and loss through transportation difficulties. If the gravel road is shaped and dragged at frequent intervals, the surface will become dense and hard, and the assurance of a good road during the ensuing months will be obtained, but if the road is allowed to rut and resemble a plowed field, the ultimate cost of repairs will be greatly increased. Nothing will go to pieces faster than the gravel or the earth road if it is not properly maintained."

"A great deal has been said about the economy of constructing a permanent pavement on country roads. At a recent hearing before the Committee on Roads and Bridges in Boston, the suggestion was made that country roads be paved with granite blocks. The cost of this or a similar type of pavement would, of course, be prohibitive."

"The suggestion might have been better made that the present type of road be properly constructed using the proper materials on a well drained and solid foundation. The most expensive pavement known will not stand up unless it has a proper foundation and receives constant maintenance."

HOMEMADE STERILIZER.

Will Help Farmers to Prevent Milk From Souring in Transit.

To assist milk producers to lessen their losses from milk which sours in transit and to help them comply with bacterial requirements set by local health officers, the Dairy Division of the United States Department of Agriculture this coming season will demonstrate its homemade steam sterilizer for dairy utensils in a large number of milk-producing centers. For this demonstration the department has had constructed more than 20 of the homemade sterilizing outfits. Already the health authorities of 150 cities have asked the department to send these outfits for local demonstration.

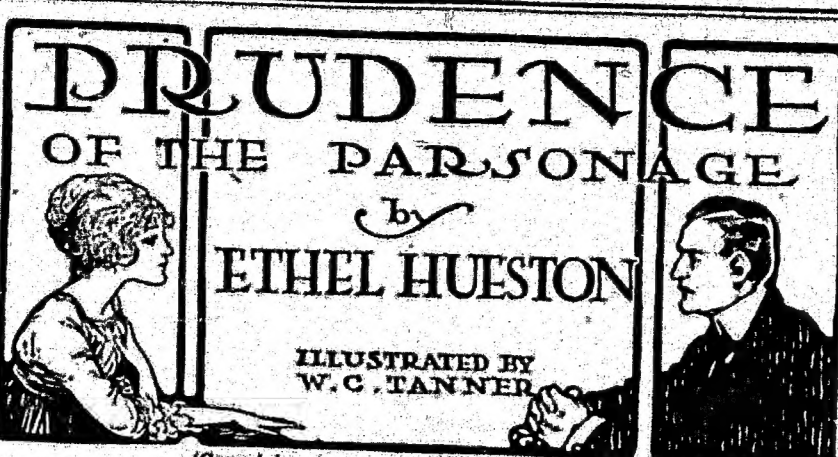
These outfits the department has offered to lend any local dairy official or health officer who will agree to demonstrate them in actual practice to milk producers in his locality. The outfit, which cost not over \$15 and can be made by any local tinsmith, when placed on a range or a two burner oil stove, generate steam enough to kill the bacteria in milk cans, pails, strainer, cloths, and separator parts. At the same time the device removes food odors, leaves the utensils dry as well as sterilized, and adds materially to their life. The sterilization of milk utensils is of importance to the dairyman who wishes to produce a good flavored milk which will not sour readily. This is shown by the fact that milk cans, washed in the ordinary way, may harbor billions of bacteria, and milk contained in these cans is sure to have a high bacterial count, which tends to affect not only its keeping quality but its flavor as well. Other experiments show conclusively that milk which starts in sterilized condition has a much better chance of reaching market in good condition than milk which has been handled in utensils that simply have been washed in the ordinary way.

DON'T LET YOUR COUGH HANG ON.

A cough that racks and weakens is dangerous, it undermines your health and strikes at the root of life. It is as one with Dr. King's New Discovery. This soothing balsam cures the throat, loosens the phlegm, its antiseptic properties kill the germ and the cold is quickly broken up. Children and grown-ups alike find Dr. King's New Discovery pleasant to take as well as effective. Have a bottle handy for your medicine chest for gripper, croup and all bronchial affections. At drug stores, 50c.—Adv.

main wing feathers reach the base of the tail. Feed heavily on mash during the following three weeks and this will put them in the very best of condition for marketing.

Because of their rapid growth and the small quantity of grain they consume, geese will be found one of the most profitable investments on the farm.



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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Prudence Starr, eldest of five motherless girls, comes to the Methodist parsonage at Mount Mark, as house mother for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II.—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, to his discomfort. Carol, one of the twins, rides the family cow with disastrous results.

CHAPTER III.—Prudence and Fairy receive the Ladies' Aid society while Lark, Carol and Connie practice modeling in mud on the dining room table.

CHAPTER IV.—The twins prepare Constance for initiation into their private secret society with results unexpected to themselves.

CHAPTER V.—When Fairy entertains Eugene Barber in the evening, the twins convince Prudence that etiquette has small place in the Starr family.

CHAPTER VI.—Connie practices economy by borrowing \$5 from one of the trustees to buy a new cloak and unconsciously teaches the church pillars a lesson.

CHAPTER VII.—Prudence captures a "cat" and wins \$500 reward.

CHAPTER VIII.—Prudence takes an early morning bicycle jaunt and rides in to a mile, a sprained ankle and a romance. The knight of romance is Jerrold Harmer.

CHAPTER IX.—When Prudence is brought home Father Starr reads the girl's awakened heart in her actions and his own heart is heavy.

"All right. If you are the man, God bless you. And, do you mind if I just suggest that you go a little slow with Prudence? Remember that she has been sound asleep, until this morning. I do not want her awakened too rudely."

"Neither do I," said Jerrold quickly. "Shall I go down now? The girls have invited me to stay for supper, and Prudence says I am to come back tomorrow. Is that all right? Remember, I'll be going home on Monday."

"It is all right, certainly. Spend as much time here as you like. You will either get worse, or get cured, and—well, over it is, you've got to have a chance. I like you, Jerrold. Prudence judges by instinct, but it does not often fail her."

Prudence heard him running down the stairs joyfully, and when he came in, before she could speak, he whispered, "Shut your eyes tight, Prudence. And do not scold me, for I can't help it." Then he put his hands over her eyes and kissed her on the lips. They were both breathless after that. Prudence at last was aroused from her slumber.

CHAPTER XI.

She Orders Her Life.

That was the beginning of Prudence's golden summer. She was not given to self-analysis. She hadn't the time. She took things as they came. She could not bear the thought of sharing with the parsonage family even the least ardent and most prosaic of Jerrold's letters. But she never asked herself the reason. The days when Jerry came were tremendously happy ones for her—she was all aquiver when she heard him swinging briskly up the



Side by Side Talking in Whispers.

rambunctious parsonage walk, and her breath was suffocatingly hot. But she took it as a matter of course. She knew that Jerry's voice was the sweetest voice in the world. She knew that his eyes were the softest and brightest and the most tender. She knew that his hands had a thrilling touch quite different from the touch of ordinary, less dear hands. She knew that his smile lifted her into a delirium of delight. Prudence never thought of that. She just lived in the sweet, ecstatic dream of the summer, and was well and richly content.

So the vacation passed and Indian summer came.

It was Saturday evening. The early supper at the parsonage was over, the twins had washed the dishes, and still

ing. Connie had dropped the rope when the twins screamed, so he had nothing more to fear from her. He saw Prudence, white, with wild eyes, both arms stretched out toward him.

"O. K., Prue," he called, and then he dropped. He landed on his feet, a little jolted, but none the worse for his fall.

He ran at once to Prudence. "I'm all right," he cried, really alarmed by the white horror in her face. "Prudence! Prudence!" Then her arms dropped, and with a brave but feeble smile, she swayed a little. Jerry took her in his arms. "Sweetheart! Do you love me so much, dearest?"

Prudence raised her hands to his face, and looked intensely into his eyes, all the sweet loving soul of her shining in her own. And Jerry kissed her.

The twins scrambled down from the maple, speechless and cold with terror, and saw Prudence and Jerry! Then they saw Connie, staring at them with interest and amusement.

"I think we'd better go to bed, all three of us," declared Lark sturdily. And they set off heroically around the house. But at the corner Carol turned.

"Take my advice and go into the woodshed," she called, "for all the Avers are looking out of their windows." Prudence did not hear, but he drew her swiftly to the darkest corner of the side porch—and history repeated itself once more!

At twelve, Jerry went upstairs to bed, his lips tingling with the fervent tenderness of her parting kiss. He stood at his window, looking soberly out into the moonlit parsonage yard.

"She is an angel, a pure, sweet, unselfish little angel," he whispered, and his voice was broken, and his eyes were wet, "and she is going to be my wife! Oh, God, teach me how to be good to her, and help me make her as happy as she deserves."

At two o'clock, thinking again the soft shy words she had whispered to him, he dropped lightly asleep and dreamed of her. With the first pale streaks of daylight stealing into his room he awoke. It was after four o'clock. A little later—just a few minutes later—he heard a light tap on his door. It came again, and he bounded out of bed.

"Prudence! Is anything wrong?"

"Hush, Jerry, not so loud!" And what a strange and weird voice! "Come downstairs, will you? I want to tell you something. I'll wait at the foot of the stairs. Be quiet—do not wake father and the girls. Will you be down soon?"

"In two minutes!"

And in two minutes he was down, agonizingly anxious, knowing that something was wrong. Prudence was waiting for him, and as he reached the bottom step she clutched his hands desperately.

"Jerry," she whispered, "I—forgive me—I honestly—Oh, I didn't think what I was saying last night. You were so dear, and I was so happy, and for a while I really believed we could belong to each other. But I can't, you know. I've promised papa and the girls a dozen times that I would never marry. Don't you see how it is? I must take it back."

Jerry smiled a little, it must be admitted. This was so like his conscientious little Prudence!

"Dearest," he said gently, "You love me. Your father would never allow you to sacrifice yourself like that. The girls would not hear of it. They want you to be happy. And you can't be happy without me, can you?"

Suddenly she rushed close to him. "Oh, Jerry," she sobbed, "I will never be happy again, I know. But—it is right for me to stay here and be the mother in the parsonage. It is wicked of me to want you more than all of them. Don't you see it is? They haven't any mother. They haven't anyone but me. Of course, they would not allow it, but they will not know anything about it. I must do it myself. And father especially, must never know. I want you to go away this morning before breakfast and—never come again."

She clung to him as she said this, but her voice did not falter. "And you must not write to me any more. For, Oh, Jerry, if I see you again I can never let you go, I know it. Will you do this for me?"

"You are nervous and excited," he said tenderly. "Let's wait until after breakfast. Then we'll talk it all over with your father, and it shall be as he says. Won't that be better?"

"Oh, no. For father will say whatever he thinks will make me happy. He must not know a thing about it. Promise, Jerry, that you will never tell him one word."

"I promise, of course, Prudence. I will let you tell him."

But she shook her head. "He will never know. Oh, Jerry! I can't bear to think of never seeing you again, and never getting letters from you, and it seems to kill me inside, just the thought of it."

"It here in my lap. Put your head on my shoulder, like that. Let me rub your face a little. You're feverish. You are sick. Go to bed, won't you, sweetheart? We can settle this later on."

"You must go right away, or I can't let you go at all!"

"Do you mean you want me to get my things and go right now?"

"Yes." She buried her face in his shoulder. "If—if you stay in your room until breakfast time I will lock you in, so you cannot leave me again. I know it. I am crazy today."

"Don't you think you owe me something, as well as your father and sisters? Didn't God bring us together,

and make us love each other? Don't you think he intended us for each other? Do you wish you had never met me?"

"Jerry!"

"Then, sweetheart, be reasonable. Your father loved your mother, and married her. That is God's plan for all of us. You have been a wonderfully brave and sweet daughter and sister. I know. But surely Fairy is old enough to take your place now."

"Fairy's going to be a professor, and—the girls do not mind her very well. And she isn't as much comfort to father as I am. It's just because I am most like mother, you see. But away, how, I promised, I can't leave them."

"Your father expects you to marry, and to marry me. I told him about it myself, long ago. And he was perfectly willing. He didn't say a word against it."

"Of course he wouldn't. That's just like father. But still, I promised. And what would the girls say if I should go back on them? They have trusted me, always. If I fail them, will they ever trust anybody else? If you love me, Jerry, please go, and stay away. But her arm tightened about his neck. "I'll wait here until you get your things, and we can—any goodby. And don't forget your promise."

"Oh, very well, Prudence," he answered, half irritably, "if you insist on ordering me away from the house like this, I can only go. But—"

"Let's not talk any more about it, Jerry. Please, I'll wait until you come down."

When he came down a little later, with his suitcase, his face was white and strained.

She put her arms around his neck. "Jerry," she whispered, "I want to tell you that I love you so much that—I could go away with you, and never see any of them any more, or papa, or the parsonage, and still feel rich, if I just had you! You—everything in me seems to be all yours. I—love you."

Her tremulous lips were pressed against his.

"Oh, sweetheart, this is folly, all folly. But I can't make you see it. It is wrong, it is wickedly wrong, but—"

"But I am all they have, Jerry, and—I promised."

"Whenever you want me, Prudence, just send. I'll never change. I'll always be just the same. God intended you for me, I know, and—I'll be waiting."

"Jerry! Jerry! Jerry!" she whispered passionately, sobbing, quivering in his arms. It was he who drew away.

"Good-by, sweetheart," he said quietly, great pity in his heart for the girl who in her desire to do right was doing



"Whenever You Send, I Will Come."

such horrible wrong. "Good-by, sweetheart. Remember, I will be waiting. Whenever you send, I will come."

He stepped outside, and closed the door. Prudence stood motionless, her hands clenched, until she could no longer hear his footsteps. Then she dropped on the floor, and lay there face downward, until she heard Fairy moving in her room upstairs. Then she went into the kitchen and built the fire for breakfast.

CHAPTER XII.

She Comes to Grief.

Fairy was one of those buoyant, warm-blooded girls to whom sleep is indeed the great restorer. Now she stood in the kitchen door, tall, cheeks glowing, eyes sparkling, and smiled at her sister's solemn back.

"You are the little mousey, Prue," she said, in her full rich voice. "I didn't hear you come to bed last night, and I didn't hear you getting out this morning. Why, what is the matter?"

For Prudence had turned her face toward her sister, and it was so white and so unnatural that Fairy was shocked.

"Prudence! You are sick! Go to bed and let me get breakfast. Here, get out of this, and I will—"

"There's nothing the matter with me. I had a headache, and didn't sleep, but I am all right now. Are the girls up yet?"

Fairy eyed her suspiciously. "Jerry is out unusually early, too, isn't he? His door is open."

"Jerry has gone, Fairy." Prudence's back was presented to view once more, and Prudence was stirring the catnip with vicious energy. "He left early this morning—I suppose he is half-way to Des Moines by now."

To be continued.

